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Cape Cod Withdrawal Supporters List

Support for the Feminist Plaintiffs' Decision to Withdraw from the Cape Cod Nudity Case

1988

About this document

This document brings together the Cape Cod Plaintiff Support Petition, the accompanying supporters list, and the additional statement intended to travel with the petition. The petition records support from feminists, naturists, shirtfree-rights advocates, anti-pornography and anti-violence activists, and others who understood the plaintiffs' reasons for withdrawing from the Cape Cod case. It is part of the documentary record surrounding Craft v. Hodel and the later account, The Cape Cod Withdrawal: How Feminist Plaintiffs Lost Control of Their Own Case, and How Wikipedia Erased the Reason.

Transcription note: The source was marked as unproofed. Obvious spelling, punctuation, and broken-line errors have been corrected; names, affiliations, quotations, and substantive claims have otherwise been preserved. The source supplied only “September 1988,” without a day.

Cape Cod Plaintiff Support Petition

> *“We, the undersigned naturists and feminists, understand the reasons for and support the plaintiffs in their decision to withdraw from the Cape Cod case.”*

Organizations are listed for identification purposes only.

Supporters

M. Anderson: Feminist activist, advocate for shirt-free rights and body acceptance. Dissatisfied attendee of nude beaches. Decidedly private clothing-optional woman. Member: NOPE.

Judith Beck: Writer, feminist, and naturist "since the Woodstock days." Activist involved in various groups including NOW, Take Back the Night marches, Planned Parenthood, Klanwatch, and Greenpeace,

Eric J. Bost: Former TNS member, a civil engineer, a published journalist on mental health issues, and an activist for animal rights and "Green" politics. Defendant in Folsom Lake (California) nude beach test case which reaffirmed, on a statewide basis, a policy asserting that naturist activity practiced without complaints by the public is legal. Former co-organizer of the Aggies Skinnydippers (a group recognized by the administration of the University of California at Davis).

Rebecca Brandt: Organizer of upcoming shirtfree action in Vermont. Feminist, active with Vermont Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Upper Valley Family Crisis Program. Skinny dipper.

Robert Brannon: Profeminist anti-pornography activist.

Ana Capek: Body acceptance advocate and radical feminist.

De Clarke: Radical feminist, shirtfree rights theorist, and writer published in national publications. Author of "To Live With The Weeds," a book of poetry. Wrote article on body acceptance published in CwS. Anti-pornography, anti-rape activist. Has taught self-defense.

Lucy Colvin: Antipornography activist (C.R.O.W.), co-taught class on gender roles, beauty images, pornography and eating disorders.

Ruth Dean: Arrested May 1, 1988 for being shirtfree on Evergreen State College campus. District court threw the case out on the grounds that no law had been violated. Superior court upheld the district court decision. Women on campus will no longer be arrested!

Kriss Drumm: Long-term anti-pornography, anti-violence activist and agitator. Member National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Advocate for women helping battered women, Lesbian Task Force.

Carl Flick: Founder and Coordinator of the North Carolina Naturists, 1982-1988. ASA and TNS member. Member and activist in N.O.W. and Charlotte N.O.W., 1981-1985. Currently an activist for clothes-optional beach rights in Florida. "I understand the reasons for and positively sympathize with the concerns (without total approval as to the final implications of those actions.)"

Gregg Gatewood: TNS, San Diego Camping Bares, Beachfront U.S.A.

Katherine J. Gatewood: TNS, San Diego Camping Bares, Beachfront U.S.A.

Mark Goldfield: TNS member, former TSMN membership coordinator, member 1983 constitutional challenge to NY state anti-nudity law.

Beth Grace: "I would not call myself a 'nudist.' When I participated in the shirtfree demonstration and continued my involvement to get myself arrested I was coming from a feminist viewpoint. I support the viewpoint of the Cape Cod plaintiffs to withdraw from the case. I don't appreciate that my efforts and pictures are being used in the twisted way that they are."

Dexter Guerrieri: Co-founder of Men Against Pornography, supports a clothing-optional world, feminist activist. "The women who were arrested should be making the decisions about how to handle the case."

Marianna Hoppe-Handler: Started nudist activities in Germany in 1950. Joined social nudism in the U.S. circa 1967. ASA member, former TNS subscriber. Current member of NENA, Camping Bares of San Diego. Speaker to press, radio and TV for NENA. Frequents clothing-optional beaches and clubs across the country.

Mary Hatch: TNS member, former TSMN membership coordinator, member 1983 constitutional challenge to NY state anti-nudity law.

Jim Herriot: Scientist, entrepreneur, international consultant and 20 year community organizer and political activist in tenants' rights, farm workers and lesbian organizing within the church. Two year member of Elysium. Visitor to international naturist resorts and beaches for fifteen years. Father of two young naturist children. Subscriber to CwS. Member NOPE and Lupin.

Steven Hill: Brotherpeace, The Activist Men's Caucus, C.R.O.W. (Civil Rights Organizing for Women) - one of the organizers successful in passage of Dworkin-MacKinnon Anti-Pornography Initiative in Bellingham, co-taught class on gender roles, beauty images, pornography and eating disorders.

Chuck Hutchins: Free Beach Movement in Washington State, Fraternity Snoqualmie Nudist Club Washington State, Public Relations for Fraternity Snoqualmie.

Laura Jeanchild: Professional Massage Therapist, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Vice-President: Wisconsin Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association. Second generation naturist, visitor to nudist parks, nude beaches and hot springs on the West and East Coast and Hawaii, participant in St. Martin and Esalen massage workshops by the Stroking Community. Contributor to The Event's tribute to David Linton. Member of NOPE. Naked since Day One.

Kenneth Kaufman: TNS, ASA, KK, NOPE, Bares 'N' Cubs (Detroit)

Sarah Luthens: Committee Chair, Women's Law Caucus, U of W. Founding member, Coalition Against Discrimination, U of W School of Law. Annual participant at Michigan Women's music festival. Former investigator, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Former activist, Citizens for Media Responsibility Without Law. Former assistant and coordinator, Des Moines, Iowa, NOW. Former President, Association for Women's Studies, University of Missouri, Columbus. Former community speaker, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault.

Albert G. Martin: Member NOPE, TNS.

George Marx: Co-founder and former co-leader, The Great Lakes Men's Network, Madison Men Stopping Rape, Inc. Editor of "Father Love", Founder and leader of The Men's Anti-Rape Resource Center (MARC). Member of the Activist Men's Caucus.

Jonathan A. McCreight: Founding member of NOPE. Co-author of the NOPE photo policy. TNS subscriber.

Diane McCurdy: Feminist naturist. Member at Lupin. Former member TNS.

Mary Keith Osborn: Long-time shirtfree rights feminist participant, supporter and documentarian.

Jane Ordway:

Stephen Paskey: Associate director of N.O.P.E. and co-author of N.O.P.E. photo policy. Radical anti-sexist activist.

Kathie Reilly: Activist in anti-nuclear, feminist and naturist issues. Board of Directors, Rochester Naturists. Contributor to Rochester Naturist Newsletter. Participated in "topfree" protests, writer and public speaker on feminist/naturist issues. "I understand fully your pulling out of the case. I myself was real frustrated about our own case when the lawyers insisted (against our "naive" judgments - especially mine) that we throw in first amendment, when we/I most emphatically wanted to go with equal rights only."

Michael Rhinesmith: TNS subscriber. Tri-State Metro Naturists. Subscriber and advertiser in The Event. "Depending on how this controversy is resolved, I may or may not remain a naturist."

Karl Schaffer: Profeminist man. Supporter at shirtfree rights demonstrations in Santa Cruz, California

Howard Schneider: Past Coordinator of California Anti-Sexist Men's Political Caucus, pictured in CwS. Arrested during on-stage protest at Miss California pageant. Teacher, licensed marriage counselor. Supportive of naturism. Former TNS member.

Nina Silver: Healer with Reichian orientation, public relations person/ staff columnist for The Event, freelance writer; CwS; British Naturism and other publications. Lifetime feminist.

Julie Skelley: Cape Cod shirtfree arrestee. Feminist.

Evelyn Spray: Skinny-dipper since childhood and raised her children that way too. TNS subscriber.

Theresa Stanton: Antipornography activist working toward a legislative remedy.

G. Joel Stanley: Conducted first nude to nude protest with Nikki Craft at Naturist Society gathering in 1986 against an anti-gay fundamentalist Christian who was distributing a newsletter that said "homosexuals deserve to die." Photos have appeared frequently in CwS and The Event. Political activist, writer, catalyst, naturist, and networker.

Lee Ann Turner: Engaged in 8 years of legal suits with City of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota over shirtfree issue. Past President of Minnesota Naturists. Supporter of WAMM (Women Against Military Madness). Activist against the Miss Minnesota pageant, and on behalf of Minneapolis Anti-pornography Ordinance.

David Ward: Active with New Haven Men's Center, NEMEN (Northeast Men's Emerging Network), and NOCM (National Organization for Changing Men). Active in anti-violence issues - domestic violence, pornography, etc.

Betsy Warrior: Feminist editor & publisher. Facilitator of Battered Women's Support Group for 12 years.

Merline Williams: Professor of Women's Studies and body-acceptance activist. Removed shirt with 30 other women in Davis, California during organized protest against a plastic surgeon.

zana: widely published lesbian/feminist writer/artist.

Additional Statement Intended to Accompany the Petition

Archival context: The following paragraphs reproduce claims and warnings made in the historical document. They are preserved here as part of the 1988 record, not presented as a new independent investigation by the editor of this transcription.

> Furthermore, we advise that women and children in particular within the nudist and naturist movement use extreme precaution in allowing any photographers to take their pictures. We advise extreme precautions with Leif Heilberg because of his past connection with child pornography as editor of Nudist Moppets; Tim Wilcox because of his recent arrests for child molestation; Dave Patrick, editor of Spectator magazine; and other photographers whose sordid pasts and presents and dubious secret agendas are both known and unknown to the naturist movement.
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> The Naturist Society censorship of information regarding dissent over the removal of Michelle and the political split happening between feminism and naturism. Michelle was not simply removed from office with a simple 6-5 vote. Three groups that supported her refused to vote because of the ramrodding that went on. We believed it was an illegal election. NOPE (Naturists and Nudists Opposing Pornographic Exploitation) not only did not vote, but resigned from the Naturist Leadership Council in protest of Michelle's removal. This fact was never reported in the naturist press. With Michelle, Nikki Craft, Tom Calabro, and others gone, the new NNLC is quick to proclaim that it is now unified. With all the nice male faces, even Mary Lou Schloss, the only woman officer, is quick to

admit that at this time it appears to be a do-nothing group using her as a token. We hope the NNLC will never have the nerve to wonder why more women are not involved.

Related Withdrawal Statement

The plaintiffs' contemporaneous statement, *"Feminist Plaintiffs Withdraw from Cape Cod Nudity Case"* (September 1988), is available in a historical web version: nudisthallofshame.info/Shirtfree3.html.

Internet Archive copy of the withdrawal statement: [ADD DIRECT INTERNET ARCHIVE LINK HERE]

Resources

- **The Cape Cod Withdrawal: How Feminist Plaintiffs Lost Control of Their Own Case, and How Wikipedia Erased the Reason** - Nikki Craft Archival Project. Direct Internet Archive link to be added. **[ADD LINK]**
- Feminist Plaintiffs Withdraw from Cape Cod Nudity Case (1988) - Historical web version of the plaintiffs' withdrawal statement.
- Craft v. Hodel, 683 F. Supp. 289 (D. Mass. 1988) - Published federal district court decision.
- Massachusetts v. Oakes, 491 U.S. 576 (1989) - United States Reports version from the U.S. Government Publishing Office.
- Commonwealth v. Oakes, 407 Mass. 92 (1990) - Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision following remand.
- **The Cape Cod Split and the Naturist-Pedophile Alliance: A Documentary Resource** - Companion source compendium in the Nikki Craft Archival Project. Direct Internet Archive link to be added. **[ADD LINK]**
- Brian S. Hoffman, Naked: A Cultural History of American Nudism (NYU Press, 2015) - Published academic history citing the Cape Cod withdrawal record.

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